

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Strategic Lead – Regulatory

Licensing Committee – 4 December 2019

Subject: Application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. John Hepburn, 173 Pappert Estate, Bonhill, Alexandria G83 9LG.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the application be considered and determined by the Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Hepburn submitted an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 23 October 2019.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 1 November 2019 submitting an objection in relation to the application.
- 3.3** A further letter received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 1 November details protected convictions in terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** In view of the submission received from the Police, the applicant and a representative of the Police authority have been invited to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on 4 December 2019.
- 4.2** The terms of the letters from the Police will be made known to the Committee at the meeting as appropriate.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** There are no financial implications

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There is no increased risk to the Council associated with the contents of this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 No impact assessment is required because this report does not involve any change to policies or services or financial decisions.

9. Consultation

9.1 Police Scotland were consulted in relation to the application.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 In terms of the Council's Strategic Priorities, the purpose of licensing is to protect the welfare of the community, including vulnerable people.

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

- 1.** Application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. John Hepburn, 173 Pappert Estate, Bonhill, Alexandria G83 9LG.
- 2.** Letters dated 1 November 2019 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
- 3.** Letter to Mr. Hepburn dated 8 November 2019.

Wards Affected: N/A